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MESSAGE: A draft amendment is attached for discussion with the Examiner on October 24, 2001, at 11 am Eastern time.

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**DRAFT CLAIM AMENDMENT
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1. (Twice Amended) A transdermal system for the delivery of clonidine consisting essentially of a clonidine-containing, pressure-sensitive, acrylate-based contact adhesive layer comprising a copolymer consisting of the monomers 2-ethylhexyl acrylate and vinyl acetate; a covering; and, on a side opposite from the covering a removable support that temporarily covers the contact adhesive layer.

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